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The Pikes Peak Radio Amateur Association meets on the second Wednesday of each month at Giuseppe's Depot Restaurant at 10 S. Sierra Madre at 7:30 p.m. All amateurs and interested parties are invited to attend.

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES GENERAL MEETING MINUTES GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mike Stansberry at 7:32PM at Giuseppe's Depot. There were 21 present for the meeting.

Introductions were made with two new people attending.

Les, KCØNC; mentioned that dues are now due for 1985 and that the dues are payable from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31. If paid after the January newsletter is published, then the dues go from Feb. or whichever month the dues are paid. That is, if you pay before an issue goes out; then the whole of that month is due and counts as a full month. See Les if you're still in a fog. This does NOT apply to current members!!

The Secretary's report was approved as published in the Dec. Zero Beat after some minor corrections. Corrections included that the club property is to sold in a sealed bid process. Also included that the board meeting was adjourned instead of "cancelled".

The treasurer's report was given by Les. November ended with \$1,380.97 in the treasury. The balance at the Dec. meet after expenditures and added income was: \$1,485.34. The Dec. newsletter bill of \$147.50 still needs to be paid.

Committee Reports followed:

RFI Comm.: KC7QJ. Absent

Swapfest Comm.: KL7IPV - Swapfest to be on March 31st, 1985. At this time it will be at the Nat'l Guard Armory unless someone can come up with a larger site of at least 15,000 square feet.

Trailer Comm.: KØTER - Trailer alive and well at Mike's house. Any more refurbishing should wait until spring now.

Pike's Peak Hill Climb: WØMCT - Nothing more to announce at this time, any news will be in the Zero Beat. The Pike's Peak group will require that all volunteers attend safety 2 meetings prior to being allowed on the hill during the race.

PR: WB9NFE - Absent

Education : KL7IPV - Frank has numerous requests and will start Novice classes in January and if enough are interested, will continue through the General and Advance class. Names will be taken at the Jaunuary meeting.

By-laws Comm.: KCØNC - Nothing had transpired since last meeting.

CCARC : KØROL - Oak gave a short history of the club's involvement in the CCARC. The CCARC meets three times annually. Oak stated the prime purpose of the CCARC. They are: to release PR to others states concerning the clubs in Colorado. Putting on ARRL conventions and coordinating dates. Publishes new Colorado Amateur Directory. Works with project such as: ARES, Search & Rescue, etc.

Next board to be held at Oak's house on Monday, Dec. 17th. (CONT. ON PAGE 5)

COMPUTER CORNER

From the desk of Ye Olde Editor:

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In last month's newsletter, I made a horrendous goof. At the November meeting it was not Frank Craw, WØHWH; but it was Frank FREILER, WBØPAJ who spoke about his experiences on the Johnny Carson Show! Mea Culpa. I have sentenced myself to make 100 revolutions on a spinning disc. (And, boy, that do get dizzying!) The famous PPRAA Fox Hunt was held on Dec. 16th. Those in attendance were: Frank, KL7IPV and ----. Yup, I was the only one to show and it took only 23 minutes to find that thing. Hopefully, next month more'll show up. I'm sure that we were "Christmassed" this time. The mall was a ZOO! Since I won the prize that I awarded, it will be next month's prize again. It is a copy of the ARRL Antenna Handbook in hardbound form. Surely, someone out there can use it. See you next month about the 13th when yours truly will be the wiley Fox. I am now receiving the World Radio Newspaper and you'll find articles from that in this and future newsletters. I still would like others to submit computer programs for publication here. So far, its been a drought! Don't be bashful, if it'll make you feel better, I won't tell the world who submits 'em. Lets hear it, huh? This month I have no idea what you'll get for a program, since this is only the 16th and I haven't started on the program yet. I still would like you to tell me what you'd like to see for a program so I can try to build one. Then we all could add our own input to get it to do what each of us would like to see in a program. Programming by Committee. Call me, let's see what that kind of thing gets us. I have had about five new people ask for a novice class and have heard that others are also interested. So, based upon that, I will start a novice class in January. I will try to continue the classes past the novice portion and into the general portion for those who want to try to upgrade. That way we can do it while the material is still fresh in your mind. So, then, it will be at my house and all that will be required is that each of those interested purchase a ARRL "Tune In The World" book. You can get them at Centennial Elec. or maybe any bookstore. Contact me at the next meeting which will be on January 9th, at Giuseppe's Depot. at #10 S. Sierra St. The fun and frivolity starts at 7:30PM when Ed Means, WØVO will be our guest speaker. Ed will talk about AMSAT and OSCAR. Ed knows his stuff and should be very interesting. See you all there. I've had lots of interest in various modes of radio communications, but, alas, I haven't had any one of those "GURUs" jump up with input concerning AMTOR, RTTY, PACKET, or any of those other things that I had hoped I would get. You guys that are on those different modes would really be a help if you could come up with an article or something to show everyone else what's happening locally. Speaking of which, the SWAPFEST will be on March 31st. That's Palm Sunday this year, so get ready for that. The club has committed itself to working on the Pikes Peak Hill Climb on July 13th. I will be running a separate column on that as we get closer to the date. The column will be to keep you all informed as it progresses. The people in charge of the event have really their act together, so we need to give them all of our support and HELP. Let's show them what the PPRAA is really capable of. This may our chance to show off ATV, Packet Radio, and RTTY. If you have any ideas, or just want to be part of the event, contact Doc, WØMCT; or Charlie, KCØTI. They will be tickled pink to hear from you.

That's it for this month. 73 'til next time. Frank - KL7IPV.....

RAMBLINGS

FROM THE WORLD OF AMATEUR RADIO
From World Radio News; January, 1985.

"DEADLINE EXTENDED"

The deadlines for comments and reply comments on PRB-1 have been extended. The deadline for comments is now 24 December, and 25 January for reply comments. Comments should refer to #PRB-1, and should be sent to: Secretary, FCC, 1919 M St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20554.

PRB-1 was filed by the ARRL on 16 July, and requests the Commission to exercise federal preemptive authority over state and local zoning regulations which affect transmitters and antennas used by Amateur Radio Operators.

"NEW LICENSES"

The number of new licenses and upgrades issued by the FCC during the twelve months prior to October 1984 were:

NEW: Novice 17,392; Technician 730; General 476; Advanced 161; Extra 41; Total new licenses 18,800.

(P) Upgrades: Novice to Technician 6,724; to General 1,876; to Advanced 213; to Extra 16; Total novice upgrades 8,829. Technician to General 1,917; to Advanced 581; to Extra 6; Total Technician upgrades 2,504. General to Advanced 3,120; to Extra 241; Total General upgrades 3,361. Advanced to Extra 1,490. Total upgrades 16,184.

"CONTROL OP"

Are you sure which call sign should be used when some other licensee is operating your equipment? In "Washington Mailbox", QST, August 1984, they answer a similar question ending with the statement, "Of course the control operator may simply use his or her own call sign at your shack to ID the operations."

Responding to challenges to that statement by several amateurs, the October 25th ARRL Letter reports the views of an FCC official with whom the quoted statement was checked: "Now that transceivers can be passed from hand to hand, the interpretation he has been using for some time is based on physical control being the important criterion. Thus, (he) believes that the call sign of the person having physical control of the station equipment may always be used.

The birth & death of the QSL" by Marv Mahre, W0MGI

We've all seen how crazes hit the country - hula hoops, skateboards, etc. - but that's nothing new. Its always been that way.

Have you ever wondered why everybody seems to have a collection of family postcards? Its because in our father's or grandfather's day, the national craze was exchanging and collecting picture postcards. In the decade from 1906 to 1916, ONE BILLION postcards went through the U.S. mails each year. So, its little wonder that a goodly number of them were stashed away in attics.

That same period (1906 - 1916) also just happens to be the same time amateur radio began to flourish. With everybody thinking up every possible variation of a greeting card, a new one was born...the QSL.

Now, a couple of generations later, the boom in picture postcards is long gone, survived only by Christmas greeting cards and our ham QSL.

I posted my first QSL card for only a penny, but recent quantum jumps in postage rates have raised the cost to 15 cents, making Johnny Ham think twice before confirming routine contacts. Time was when many amateurs literally covered the walls of their shacks with QSL cards; but no more... real wallpaper is far less expensive.

GEN'L MINUTES CONT.

OLD BUSINESS:

Senior Citizen's Project: NØCMW - Architect has said that the proposed building will not have sufficient room to allow for an addition of an amateur radio station.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

On Dec. 25th, there will be an experiment that will be visible for all of the Colorado Springs residents (weather permitting) to see. It will be a manmade aurora using a berium charge that was launched two months ago. It will be visible in the southern sky at 5:15AM. Binoculars will enhance the view. It will take about five minutes to form and should last for our viewing for about fifteen minutes more.

World Radio News should be received by the Zero Beat editor prior to the January issue and should be excerpted in the January Zero Beat.

The door prize drawing was held after return from break and then the -

PROGRAM:

The program was " Homebrew Night " Four entries were introduced to the members. They were: A left or right handed keyer entered by Jake, NØCYR. An electronic water thermometer entered by Larry, working on Novice. A RTTY Computer Interface entered by Frank, KL7IPV. A Station Central Power Supply entered by Dick, WØHDS (Ed. note: Correct me if that's wrong - please) After the balloting and, minor confusion, the winners were: 1st went to Jake (\$40), 2nd went to Frank (\$30), and 3rd went to Larry (\$20).

The meeting was adjourned by Mike at 9:03PM. Next meeting to be held at Giuseppe's on January 9th, at 7:30PM.

Minutes taken in NØEPF's absence by:
Steve (new call) KAØTRW (Congratulations!)

" LOOKING BACK AT THE PPRAA "

THIRTY FIVE YEARS AGO - JAN, 1951
The Zero Beat reported that the El Paso Radio Club met at the Naval Reserve Trng Bldg. Dick Vertefeuille met with Hank Bushnell and drafted a constitution for the club, as Dick read each of the articles, they were discussed & approved. The club adopted the new constitution as it was submitted by a unanimous vote. A discussion of on code.:it was decided that the top 50Kc was not used much so a frequency of 7275Kc was decided on. Members to use very low power.

TEN YEARS AGO - JAN. 1975

The Zero Beat reported that the President, Mike Stansberry (*not that's not a misprint!) had made arrangements for a tour of the Ampex Corp. Mike's call was then WBØHCK. Pete Demario was then the Chairman of the Pikes Peak FM Committee. There were three FM repeaters in the area: 146.16/76, /97, and 19/79 going to the Black Forest. Rosie, WAØMNL, was the club treasurer. 39 were at the PPRAA Christmas Party.

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TAB BOOKS

COMPUTER PROGRAM FOR DETERMINING AZIMUTH & ELEVATION OF CELESTIAL BODIES

10 REM: * * * MOONTRACK .BAS * * *

20 CLS:PRINT"PROGRAM TO CALCULATE AZ-EL DATA FOR THE SUN OR MOON

30 PRINT:PRINT"PROGRAM BY J. HALL,K1TD,ARRL Hq., Rev 1.1, June 1983":print

40 PRINT"This progam may be reproduced without prior permission"

50 PRINT"provided the ARRL Handbook is credited.":PRINT

60 B\$="##.##":I=57.2958:K=.01657

70 PRINT"Enter negative numbers for southerly latitudes"

80 PRINT"Enter negative numbers for easterly longitudes"

90 PRINT:INPUT"Your latitude (degrees & decimal)";A

100 PRINT:INPUT"your longitude (degrees & decimal)";L1

110 D=SIN(A/I):F=COS(A/I)

120 INPUT" UTC date (no comma, please)";A\$

130 INPUT" Data for which, SUN or MOON";C\$:PRINT

140 PRINT A\$" GHA of ";C\$;"at 0000 UTC":INPUT" (degrees & decimal)";L2

150 PRINT A\$" declination at 0000 UTC":INPUT" (degrees & decimal)";B1

160 PRINT A\$" GHA at 2400 UTC":INPUT (degrees & decimal)";L3

170 PRINT A\$" declinationn at 2400 UTC":INPUT (degrees & decimal)";B2

180 GI=(L3+360-L2)/24

190 BI=(B2-B1)/24

200 J%=0:GOSUB 330

210 FOR A%=0 to 48: G=SIN(B1/I):L=L2-L1

220 E=D*G+F*COS(B1/I)*COS(L/I):C=(G-D*E)/F:J=E

230 IF E 1 THEN E=1.5708:GOTO 250

240 IF E 1 THEN E=-1.5708 ELSE E=ATN(E/SQR(ABS(1-E*E)))

250 C=C/COS(E):IF C =1 THEN C=0: GOTO 270

260 IF C =1 THEN C=180 ELSE C=I*(-ATN(C/SQR(ABS(1-C*C)))+1.5708)

270 IF LEFT\$(C\$,1)="M" OR LEFT\$(C\$,1)="m" THEN GOSUB 430

280 E=I*E:IF J%=8 AND E =0 THEN GOSUB 410

290 IF E =0 THEN GOSUB 360

300 B1=B1=B2/2:L2=L2+G1/2:IF L2 360 THEN L2=L2-360

310 NEXT:PRINT:PRINT" Data for for ";A\$;" is completed for the ";C\$

320 INPUT" To continue, press enter";J%:CLS:PRINT"Next ";:GOTO 120

330 CLS:PRINT"Data for the ";C\$;"from ";A\$;"deg.lat., ";L1;"deg. long."

340 PRINT:" for ";A\$:PRINT

350 PRINT:"Time, UTC","Azimuth","Elevation":PRINT:PRINT

360 IF INT(A%/2)=A%/2 THEN D\$=STR\$(50*A%) ELSE D\$=STR\$(50*A%-20)

370 D\$=RIGHT(D\$,LEN(D\$)-1)

380 IF LEN(D\$) 4 THEN D\$="0"+D\$: GOTO 380

390 PRINT D\$:IF SIN(L/I) =0 THEN PRINT USING B\$;C;ELSE PRINT USING B\$;360-C;

400 PRINT TAB(32);:PRINT USING B\$;E:J%=J%+1:RETURN

410 PRINT:INPUT" For more data press enter";J%

420 J%=0: GOSUB ##: RETURN

430 J=(J-K)/COS(E):E=ATN(J):RETURN

440 REM NOTE: % = INTEGER

COMING NEXT MONTH:

Review of Yaesu FT-757-GX by Al, AL7H
 More from Gateway & World Radio News
 President's Views & Comments
 Profiles of new members or novices
 Another computer program
 Odd'N'Ends & other stuff!

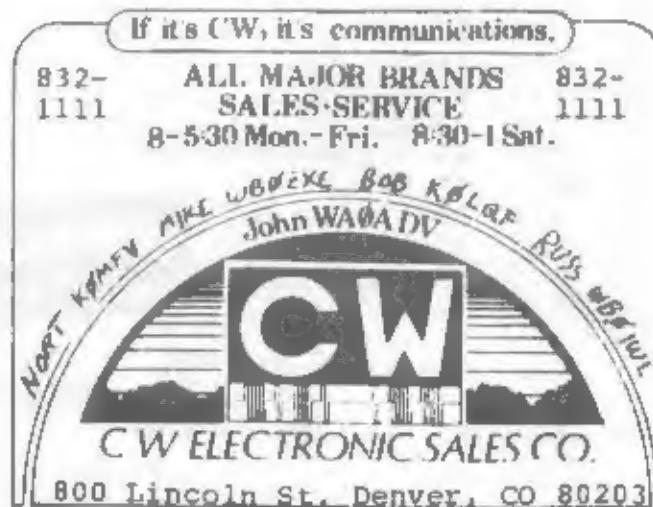
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1 QP = PEEK (49240!); REM TURN XMTR OFF
5 REM: WRITTEN BY ROBERT SWIRSKY
7 REM: FOR APPLE II COMPUTERS
10 DIM CODE$(128)
20 HOME
30 INPUT "MESSAGE--- "; M$
40 IF M$="" THEN M$= ""
50 HOME
55 INPUT "SPEED"; S: IF S*3=255 THEN 50
60 RESTORE
70 POKE 768,50
75 REM : SIDETONE
80 POKE 770,173:POKE 771,48:POKE 772,192:POKE 773,136:POKE 774,2
82 POKE 775,5: POKE 776,206: POKE 777,1: POKE 778,3
84 POKE 779,240:POKE 780,9:POKE 781,202
90 POKE 782,208:POKE 783,245:POKE 784,174:POKE 785,0
92 POKE 786,3:POKE 787,76:POKE 788,2: POKE 789,3:
94 POKE 790,96:POKE 791,0: POKE 792,0
100 REM
110 GOSUB 310
120 PRINT CHR$(ESCAPE); CHR$(CURSOR); CHR$(HOME)
130 GET R$
140 IF ASC(R$) > 3 THEN GOSUB 370
150 IF ASC(R4)=25 THEN 50
160 IF ASC(R$)=25 THEN 20
170 D = ASC(R$)
180 GOSUB 200
190 GOTO 130
200 FOR X=1 TO LEN (CODE$(D))
210 G$=MID$ (CODE$(D),X,1)
220 IF VAL(G$) = 0 THEN GOTO 350
230 POKE 769,(S*(VAL(G$)))
235 X9 = PEEK (49249!)
240 CALL 770
245 X9=PEEK (49240!)
250 FOR X1 = 1 TO 3: NEXT
260 NEXT
270 PRINT R$;
280 FOR X1 = 1 TO S*I.3:NEXT X1
290 RETURN
300 END
310 READ F,F$
320 IF F == -1 THEN RETURN
330 LET CODE$(F)=F$
340 GOTO 320
345 REM : SPACE
350 FOR X1 = 1 TO S*I.7:NEXT
360 GOTO 260
370 FOR H1 = 1 TO LEN(M$)
380 LET R$=MID$(M$,H1,1)
390 D=ASC(R$)
400 GOSUB 200
410 NEXT H1
420 R$="
430 RETURN
1000 DATA 49,133330
1010 DATA 50,113330
1020 DATA 51,111330

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1030 DATA 52,111130
1040 DATA 53,11111
1050 DATA 54,31111
1060 DATA 55,33111
1070 DATA 56,33311
1080 DATA 57,33331
1090 DATA 48,33333
1100 DATA 32,00
1110 DATA 65,130
1120 DATA 66,31110
1130 DATA 67,31310
1140 DATA 68,3110
1150 DATA 69,10
1160 DATA 70,11310
1170 DATA 71,33100
1180 DATA 72,11110
1185 DATA 47,311310
1190 DATA 73,110
1200 DATA 74,13330
1210 DATA 75,31300
1220 DATA 76,13110
1230 DATA 77,03300
1240 DATA 78,310
1250 DATA 79,03330
1260 DATA 80,13310
1270 DATA 81,33130
1280 DATA 82,1310
1290 DATA 83,11100
1300 DATA 84,00300
1310 DATA 85,11300
1320 DATA 86,11130
1330 DATA 87,13300
1340 DATA 88,31130
1350 DATA 89,31330
1360 DATA 90,33110
1370 DATA 46,131313
1380 DATA 27,11111111
1390 DATA 13,31113
1400 DATA 44,331133
1410 DATA 38,10111
1420 DATA 45,31113
1430 DATA 58,3131003313
1440 DATA 63,113311
1450 DATA 18,13131
1460 DATA -1,-1
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THIS PROGRAM IS TO TEST YOUR ABILITY WITH A KEY. IT IS TO
SEE HOW YOUR SENDING IS RECEIVED ON THE OTHER END. IF YOU
SEND 'EI' FOR AND 'S' IT WILL BE 'EI' ON THE SCREEN.
IGNORE THE '!' SIGN IN THE PEEK STATEMENTS.
ALTHOUGH THE ARTICLE WAS NOT VERY CLEAR, IT SEEMS THAT THIS
PROGRAM UTILIZES A CODE KEY INPUT AT THE JOYSTICK INPUT.
SINCE I DON'T OWN AN APPLE OR A COMPUTER WITH A JOYSTICK
I COULDN'T TEST THE PROGRAM. GOOD LUCK!

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LYS CAREY KØPBM
(12/84)

HAD A FRIENDLY TALK WITH ONE OF THE FCC ENGINEERS RECENTLY AND IT WAS BROUGHT OUT THAT WE SHOULD PASS ALONG A FRIENDLY REMINDER TO ALL REPEATER OWNERS AND OPERATORS THAT, 1. A REPEATER IS REQUIRED TO HAVE A CONTROL OTHER THAN THE INPUT FREQUENCY. 2. IF THAT CONTROL IS VIA RF IT MUST BE ABOVE 220.5 MHZ. IT COULD ALSO BE BY LAND LINE OR MANUAL CONTROL. 3. THE ORIGINAL LICENSE MUST BE CONSPICUOUSLY POSTED ON THE UNIT. 4. THE NAME AND PHONE NUMBER OF THE CONTROL OPERATOR MUST ALSO BE POSTED. (PREFERABLY MORE THAN ONE) THEY ARE NOT TRYING TO HANG ANYONE, BUT WHAT IF THE FOLLOWING DID HAPPEN. (AND MAY HAVE) LETS SAY A REPEATER DEVELOPS A SPUR ON A NON-HAM FREQUENCY, FIRE, POLICE OR WHATEVER, AND CALLS THE FCC. THE FCC THEN GOES TO THE SOURCE NOT KNOWING WHERE THE MIX IS OR IS COMING FROM, THEN FINDS THAT IT IS A HAM REPEATER WITH NO IDENTIFICATION. IF THE INTERFERENCE WERE TO AIRCRAFT OR POLICE OR FBI, WHAT WOULD YOU EXPECT THE FCC TO DO? HAMS ARE NOTED FOR POLICING THEMSELVES, LETS DON'T SLIP NOW.

OTHER NOTES. BY THE TIME YOU GET THIS THE DEC. 24 DEADLINE FOR PRB1 (FEDERAL PREEMPTION) WILL HAVE PASSED, HOPE ALL DID TURN IN A COMMENT TO THE FCC.

THE 1.9 TO 2 MHZ PART OF 160 METERS IS STILL IN JEOPARDY, PRESSURE IS SEVERE FROM THE RADIO LOCATION SERVICES. READ THE GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT IN QST. IF BROADCAST EXPANDS FROM 1.6 TO 1.7, WHERE ARE THE RECEIVERS THAT ARE GOING TO LISTEN TO IT? WE THINK THE EXPANSION IS PREMATURE.

ARRL HQ IS GOING THRU AN INTERNAL REALIGNMENT SO YOU MAY BE SOON SEEING NAMES IN CHARGE OF AREAS THAT YOU ARE NOT USED TO. WHY? AN ATTEMPT AT EFFICIENCY.

JUST A REMINDER, THE NEXT ARRL BOARD MEETING IS JAN. 24 & 25, IF YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS FOR CHANGES OR PROGRAMS, PLEASE LET ME KNOW BEFORE THEN.

ODD 'N' ENDS

WELCOME TO THESE NEW MEMBERS
John W. Poynor - KAØTRY
2624 E. Yampa, C.S. 80909
OFC PH# - 578-6487

WATCH FOR THE NEW COLUMN - IT WILL BE - PRESIDENT'S VIEWS. Mike has some good background and should make interesting reading!

REMINDER: Whether or not you are a PPRAA member, we would like to see you at our Saturday morning breakfasts at the All The King's Men restaurant on N. Union Blvd. Its across from East High School. Come join us - its a good time to acquaint yourself with the other hams in the area. We look forward to seeing you there.

Ye Olde Editor is STILL in need of input from many of you who are into AMTOR, RTTY, Packet, etc. I also REALLY need some computer programs for the newsletter. My well has gotten dry already. HELP! HELP! anyone.

MINUTES OF DEC. 17th BOARD MEETING
There were four members present at Oak's house for the board meeting. Since five are needed to form a quorum, the scheduled meeting was not held. The next board meeting will be on January 14th, at Oak's house.

"RAMBLINGS" continued

USE PLAIN STAMPS* from the Tri-County Amateurs, Dixon, IL.

Do you sometimes have the feeling you don't always receive your QSL's? Here is a suggestion I would like to offer.

Don't use fancy or showy stamps on outgoing mail. Some amateurs feel that by doing so, the person who receives your QSL will be more inclined to reciprocate. In theory, this may be true. In actual practice, postal clerks in some countries (notably Argentina & Brazil) have been known to intercept such letters before they are delivered and either keep the stamps or their own collection or sell them to dealers. The QSL cards are thrown away!

It is for this reason that Vatican City, for instance, known for its beautiful stamps, usually has a plain-looking postage meter impression affixed to especially important mail going to certain nations.

AMSAT annual meeting - by Dr. Norman L Chalfin, K6PGX

Ed.note: The annual meeting was held at the AMFAC Hotel in Los Angeles on Nov. 10th, 1984. Vern Riportella, WA2LQQ, presented a paper on the future of AMSAT's spacecraft.)

An ambitious proposal has been put forth to launch six geosynchronous satellites into orbits about the earth.

There will be three pairs positioned at 120 degree points about the equator. One pair will be over Europe, probably east of the Prime Meridian. The second pair will be over the Equator, and the third over a point between Japan and Australia. Each of the pairs will be redundant and the second of the pair will take over in the event of a failure of one of the pair. Each satellite will be equipped with channelized transponders in one of the amateur space bands with access by tone pad signals.

It is projected that amateurs anywhere in the world will be able to access the transponders and through a linking system make contact with any other amateurs wherever they are situated. The frequencies discussed were 13cm.

What advantage the *proposed system would have over the existing satellite system is expressed in the fact that all you would need is an antenna fixed in place and directed at the satellite. No rotors, no looking up of tables to know where to point, and no need to calculate orbital parameters. Once our station is set up, it stays.

YOU KNEW IT ALL ALONG!"

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SCHEDULE OF VE TESTS FOR COLORADO

DATE	LOCATION & OR SPONSER	CONTACT
Dec. 15, 1984	Pueblo ARC, Pueblo, Colorado (this club is planning future tests possibly every mo.)	WBØYES
Jan 19, 1985	Arkansas Valley ARC Otero College, La Junta	WØZCX
Jan 21, 1985	Boulder ARC, Boulder, Colorado (this test may be full as the facility is limited in size)	WBØZID
Feb 14, 1985	ARA Ham Classes, Aurora, Colo	KQØJ
March, 1985	ARA Swap Meet, Aurora, Colo	WØIJR
April, 1985	(not firm on club or group)	
May 9, 1985	ARA Ham Classes, Aurora, Colorado	KQØJ
June, 1985	Boulder ARC, Boulder, Colorado	WBØZID

Candidates for tests should fill out an FCC 610 form and attach a check or money order for \$4.00 payable to "ARRL/VEC". The 610 and fee should be sent to the CONTACT person at least 30 days before a scheduled test.

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Any club, group or individual VE Team who is scheduling a test session in the state of Colorado, please let either myself or the Division Director know, as we are working to schedule a test somewhere in the state at least once a month, so that the amateurs in Colorado will have the opportunity to have a full range of testing available.

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